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I oppose the the proposed rule as set forth in the NPRM.

The aircraft manufactured prior to 1988 should be exempted. They have the unique opportunity to benefit from modern recently engineered modifications to increase power thereby utilizing less fuel and increasing safety. The NPRM would discourage actively pursuing recent technology to improve these aircraft. The effect would be to limit the advancement of safety in operation.

Furthermore why adopt the European standards when these aircraft have been manufactured in the USA, are being operated in the USA and are registered in the USA, we have the FAA to set applicable standards.

I feel the proposal in contradiction and confusing in it's text but one thing is clear, the noise limits set forth will certainly limit the utility of high performance aircraft. Operating them in such a way will narrow the safety margin we maintain.

Thank you
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